

**Enforcement & Resource Protection Committee
Regular Meeting
September 25, 2002-3:00 p.m.
Tribal Office Board Room**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call-

Committee Chairman Gary Besaw called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Those present: Gary Schuettepelz, Leon Fowler, Bill Kussel, Mike Ruelle (for Bryan Lepscier) and Barb Nelson. Myron Pyawasit, Lynette Miller and Keith Tourtillott were all absent.

2. Moment of Silence-A moment of silence was observed.

3. Review Minutes Dated August 23, 2002-

Motion made by Gary Schuettepelz to approve the minutes dated August 23, 2002. Seconded by Leon Fowler. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for (included Chairman Besaw), 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

4. Review Department Status Reports-

Committee briefly reviewed the reports that they did receive from the departments.

Chairman Besaw asked Leon if there would be any budgetary problems with the upcoming deer hunting season and the testing for Chronic Wasting Disease that Conservation will be doing. Leon said the testing shouldn't affect their budget because all the testing expenses come from the state.

Chairperson will send a letter to all the departments that didn't submit a monthly status report.

5. Review Ordinances 85-21 Motor Vehicle Code/K. Tourtillott & Bill Kussel-

Bill Kussel was present to discuss the motor vehicle laws. Keith Tourtillott was supposed to be at the meeting but something came up at the Police Department and he was unable to attend the meeting.

Bill stated that there needs to be a better database for tracking moving violations. Bill also stated that there needs to be some major changes made to ordinance 85-21/Motor Vehicle Code. Currently when a person is involved in a hit and run, or a similar violation, all Bill can do is give them a fine. Right now families are upset because people are involved in these hit and runs and other vehicle violations and want the perpetrators to receive the proper penalty for their crimes.

Bill went into lengthy discussion with committee members about reporting traffic offenses to the state. Currently if you are caught violating traffic laws such as, drunk driving, speeding, etc, it is not sent to the state and therefore your insurance company is unaware of the violations either. If the penalty is suspension of driver's license, that is only enforced on the reservation and you are allowed to drive anywhere else. No action was taken.

Motion made by Barbara Nelson that Bill Kussel draft an amendment to change Ordinance 85-21/Motor Vehicle Code. Seconded by Gary Schuettepelz. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for (including Chairman Besaw), 0-opposed, 3-absent,

1-abstention (Kussel). Motion carried.

6. Crime Stoppers-

Keith was not present for the meeting therefore the committee decided to put Crime Stoppers on the next agenda.

7. Relinquishment-

Chairman Besaw informed the committee members that the only reason this item was on the agenda is because it is going to the Menominee Tribal Legislature for approval. Chairman wanted to make sure the committee didn't have any suggestions or changes.

Once concern the committee was; if there were a parent who relinquished a child's right to the tribe, does that child have the right to come back after they are 18 years old?

Committee members believed that once you relinquished from a tribe no matter what age you are, that's it. Chairman Besaw stated that he will find out.

8. Assignment of October Oral Presentation-

Chairman Besaw stated that because Keith wasn't present, Crime Stoppers would be on the agenda for the oral presentation along with Gaming Commission.

9. Other Business-

Committee went into a lengthy discussion regarding the new seat belt law that the tribe will be enforcing. Committee had concerns that someone that doesn't live near the reservation or from another state might drive through and not have their seat belt on. They will not know that the seat belt law is a primary law and they can get stopped for it. Will they still have to pay the fine if they did nothing else wrong but not have their seat belt on? Some committee members suggested that there should be signs up at all entrances of the reservation to let people know they WILL be stopped if they aren't wearing their seat belts. Warren Warrington stated that there are signs posted around about the seat belt law. Gary Schuettepelz stated that it's hard to get approval from the state to put signs up.

On another issue, Bill Kussel stated that after the meeting he will be working on his budget and stated that he may need to lay employees off.

Chairman Besaw asked all committee members to review their bylaws. Committee reviewed their bylaws. The only concern the committee had was that Sid Lepscier sent a representative to the meeting for him and the committee wanted to know if that was ok and if it was ok can that person be a voting member.

Chairman Besaw and committee members agreed that it would be ok to send someone in your place as long as Chairman Besaw gives prior approval and committee would like it in the bylaws.

Committee will approve the bylaws at the next meeting.

10. Adjournment-

Motion made by Gary Schuettepelz to adjourn. Seconded by Leon Fowler. All those in

**favor signify by saying aye, 6-for (including Chairman Besaw), 0-opposed, 3-absent.
Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services